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PUBLIC RADIO COMMENTATOR SARAH VOWELL COMING TO CARTER LIBRARY HUMORIST TO SPEAK THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD & SIGN BOOKS

Atlanta, GA. – Sarah Vowell, best known for her monologues and documentaries for public radio's [This American Life](#) is coming to the Jimmy Carter Presidential Library and Museum, Thursday, February 23rd at 7:30 p.m. She will talk about her book *Assassination Vacation*, take questions from the audience and sign copies of her book. The lecture and book-signing is free and open to the public. Seating is on a first-come, first-seated basis.

SARAH VOWELL
LECTURE AND BOOK-SIGNING
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD
7:30 P.M.
CYPRUS ROOM
THE CARTER PRESIDENTIAL CENTER

A contributing editor for *This American Life* since 1996, she has been a staple of *TAL*'s popular live shows around the country, for which *The New York Times* has commended her “funny querulous voice and shrewd comic delivery.” Thanks to her first book, [Radio On: A Listener's Diary](#), *Newsweek* named her its “Rookie of the Year” for non-fiction in 1997, calling her “a cranky stylist with talent to burn.” Her book, *Assassination Vacation*, is a hilarious and haunting road trip through the tourist destinations of the three assassinated American Presidents: Lincoln, Garfield, and McKinley.

As a critic and reporter, Sarah Vowell has contributed to numerous newspapers and magazines, including *Esquire*, *GQ*, *Los Angeles Times*, *The Village Voice*, *Spin*, *The New York Times Book Review* and *McSweeney's*. She is a former columnist for *Time*, [Salon.com](#) and *San Francisco Weekly*. Her essays appear in *The Rose and the Briar*, *The Future Dictionary of America*, *Dial-A-Song: Twenty Years of They Might Be Giants*, Marcel Dzama's *The Berlin Years* and Richard Ross' *Waiting for the End of the World*.

Vowell is a fellow at the New York Institute for the Humanities at NYU. She is the voice of teenage superhero Violet Parr in Brad Bird's *The Incredibles*, a Pixar Animation Studios film; she produced the documentary short “Vowellet,” about becoming an action figure while researching presidential assassinations, for the forthcoming *Incredibles* DVD. She has made numerous appearances on *The Late Show with David Letterman* and *The Daily Show with Jon Stewart*, and is a regular on *Late Night with Conan O'Brien*. She is president of the board of [826NYC](#), a nonprofit writing and tutoring center for students ages 6-18 in Brooklyn.

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